DRESS OF M.L.Cs.—OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF THE VICEROY

88. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulaknnnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it a fact that during the last visit of H. E. the Viceroy to the State, members of the Legislative Council were directed to wear a particular mode of dress on the occasion of the State—Reception given in honour of His Excellency's visit ;

(*b*) had any of the members protested, verbally or otherwise, against this interference with their self-respect and personal freedom ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) On such occasions as a Viceregal visit, it is usual to prescribe the modes of dress for the different functions like Reception, Garden Party, Banquet, etc. There has been no deviation from the usual practice on the occasion of the last Viceregal visit.

(*b*) Not to the knowledge of Government.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Hon'ble Member kindly enlighten us at least for future guidance, what exactly are the items of dress prescribed for such occasions like Reception, Garden Party, Banquet, etc.?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The usual dress is a black long coat, white trousers or dhoties and black shoes. For people who want to attire in European dress, it will be morning suit and in certain cases lounge suit or evening dress.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In all these functions?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. President: Order, order. If the Hon'ble Member wishes to refresh his memory of the actual dress prescribed for each of the functions, I think he should give notice of the question.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* There is no question of refreshing the memory because I was not a member of the Legislative Council at that time.

Mr. President: If such an occasion should arise while the Hon'ble Member is a Member of the Council, he will receive the prescription at the proper time.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Thank you, Sir.

Mr. President: I may add that these prescriptions of dress on such occasions are not in the nature of an order or command. They are simply indications of what the Government consider suitable dress for the occasion. It does not follow that if any person invited to one of these functions turns up in a dress other than that prescribed, he will be refused admission.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* What I wanted to make clear is that such orders.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is not now entitled to make anything clear. He is only entitled to ask for information.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Well Sir. May I know if such prescriptions entail in any sense, of interference with the freedom of members who wish to attend?

Mr. President: I have already answered that question when I said that these directions are not an order; but they are simply indications of what Government consider suitable.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are not the Government aware that the Prajamandalam Party's uniformity of dress has got some significance?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Some uniformity is seen here.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnnthukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any uniformity of prescriptions of dress in regard to ladies also?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

SUBSIDY TO THE PRESS—WAR PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

89. Rao Sahib K.Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government or the War Publicity Department has been giving any subsidy to the press or any individuals in the State ;

(*b*) the names of the papers, editors or individuals that have been recipients of the subsidy ;

(*c*) the amount of the subsidy ; and

(*d*) the date from which the subsidy began to be given ?

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